

**City of Aberdeen**  
**Business Meeting, Work Session**  
**July 14, 2014**

**Present:** Mayor Bennett, Councilwoman Elliott, Councilman Garner,  
Councilwoman Landbeck, and Councilwoman Young

**Absent:** None

**Also Present:** Douglas Miller, City Manager  
Phyllis Grover, Director of Planning and Community Development  
Henry Trabert, Chief of Police  
Monica Correll, City Clerk  
Doris Manner, Recording Secretary

The meeting was called to order at 4:00 p.m. in the Council Chambers by Mayor Bennett.

**Matters of Immediate and Urgent Business**

- a. Resolution No. 14-R-08, Inner County Outreach Project (For Introduction and Adoption)

Mayor Bennett introduced Resolution No. 14-R-08, Inner County Outreach Project.

A motion was made by Councilman Garner and seconded by Councilwoman Landbeck to approve Resolution No. 14-R-08, Inner County Outreach Project.

**The motion was passed with a vote of 5 – yes.**

- b. Resolution No. 14-R-10, Local Resolution of Support for the Community Legacy Application (For Introduction and Adoption)

Mayor Bennett introduced Resolution No. 14-R 10, Local Resolution of Support for the Community Legacy Application. Ms. Grover informed the Council that the City had applied to the Department of Housing and Community Development (DHCD) for a grant in the amount of \$75,000 to continue the façade improvement program.

A motion was made by Councilman Garner and seconded by Councilwoman Elliott to approve Resolution No. 14-R-10, Support for the Community Legacy Application.

**The motion was passed with a vote of 5 – yes.**

- c. Resolution No. 14-R-11, Strategic Demolition and Smart Growth Impact Fund (For Introduction and Adoption)

Mayor Bennett introduced Resolution No. 14-R-11, Strategic Demolition and Smart Growth Impact Fund. Ms. Grover explained that the City had applied to DHCD the last three years

and that this year, the application was for \$275,000. Some of the grant money was already used toward the acquisition of 11, 15, and 19 Franklin Street properties. Block grant money will be used toward the demolition of these three properties. The other \$200,000 will be used toward the acquisition of 15 East Bel Air Avenue and another unnamed property.

A motion was made by Councilwoman Landbeck and seconded by Councilwoman Young to approve Resolution No. 14-R-11, Strategic Demolition and Smart Growth Impact Fund.

**The motion was passed with a vote of 5 – yes.**

d. Bid Award; Demolition of Franklin Street Properties

Ms. Grover said that the City received three bids for the demolition of the Franklin Street properties and the low bidder was A2Z Environmental Group, LLC in the amount of \$54,950. The time frame for demolition ranged from the end of August to completion by September 3, 2014. The company had worked within the municipality with good results.

A motion was made by Councilman Garner and seconded by Councilwoman Landbeck to award Bid No. 14-03, demolition of 11, 15, and 19 Franklin Street properties in the amount of \$54,950 to A2Z Environmental Group, LLC.

**The motion was passed with a vote of 5 - yes.**

e. Introduction; Deputy Chief of Police

Mr. Miller said the Police Department was reorganized several years ago and created the position of Deputy Chief of Police. Chief Trabert announced that Deputy Chief Stephen Smith officially retired July 1 after 36 years of service to the City. The Chief introduced the incoming Deputy Chief, Kirk Bane, to the Mayor and Council. Chief Trabert noted that Deputy Chief Bane had an impeccable record.

**Work Session (4:21 p.m.)**

a. Planning Commission Primer

Ms. Grover reported that at the next Council Meeting, the Council will be reviewing a preliminary site plan for the Village of Forest Brook, formerly known as the Villas at Normandy Wood, located at Schofield Road and Bush Chapel Roads. The plan currently showed manor and villa units with garages. There will be 56 manor house units (2 bedrooms) and 28 villa units (3 bedrooms). The Planning Commission gave a favorable recommendation to this proposal. Council discussion followed pertaining to concerns about homeowner associations (HOA). Ms. Grover explained that the homeowners must abide by the restrictions and guidelines set by the HOA.

Also, the Planning Commission will be working on the integrated business district changes (IBD) at their next meeting. The McDonalds Restaurant on South Philadelphia Boulevard has proposed moving next to Royal Farms which will be presented to the Architectural Review Committee.

b. Water Revolving Loan; need to repeal

Mr. Miller referred to the 2004-2005 gasoline additive (MTBE) spill that leaked into the water system. The City spent over \$2 million on mitigation and joined a class action suit. The City received \$2,000,000 resulting from this suit and was placed into a Water Revolving Loan Fund. Due to the tight budget, Mr. Miller requested that the Council consider using funds from this fund for water capital projects but not as a loan.

c. Bicycle License Repeal

Mr. Miller said that bicycle licensing has not been enforced for over 10 years; therefore, both he and Chief Trabert suggested to have this removed from the Code. The Chief encouraged residents to keep their bicycle information when making a purchase in case of theft. Mr. Miller added that there are other sections of the Code that require updating.

d. Solid Waste and Recycling; Harford County

Mr. Miller announced a Solid Waste Public Information Meeting to be held in Bel Air to address the future landfill issue since Scarborough Landfill was slated for closure.

e. APD Pension Plan Amendment

Mr. Miller said that there will be an amendment introduced for the Aberdeen Police Department Pension Plan.

f. Pending Budget Allocations and Reallocations

Mr. Miller noted that there are other ongoing, multi-fiscal year projects that need to be addressed requiring budget allocations and reallocations (i.e. paving, phone system).

Other Business

Mr. Miller reported that the entire Council has responded on their attendance at the Maryland Municipal League Fall Conference.

Mayor Bennett announced that Ripken Stadium was the first stadium that is using orange padding, emulating the Oriole theme. Aberdeen's "Home of Opportunity" logo is displayed field-level on each side of the field denoting the City's association with the Stadium.

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Adjournment

A motion was made by Councilwoman Elliott and seconded by Councilman Garner to adjourn the meeting. The motion passed unanimously and the meeting was adjourned at 4:50 p.m.

• **Announcements**

July 17; MML Cecil –Harford Dinner

July 21; Council Work Session

July 28; Council Meeting

August 4; Council Work Session

August 9; World Series Parade

August 11; Vi Ripken Field Dedication